

Reasons for Allowance

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Re claims 1,21,etc., the prior art taken as a whole does not show nor suggest a parking garage trolley as claimed with the positive stops, moving plates and clamping claws with particular wheels and guide block features. The closest prior art, Arnold US 5,320,473, does not include all of these features as required by the claim and there is no motivation absent the applicant's own disclosure, to modify the Arnold reference in the manner required by the claims and further it would not be obvious to make the type and number of modifications needed to achieve the claimed invention in view of the known prior art.

Terms are understood in light of applicant's specification, for example the trolley is understood to be an automatic parking system trolley and the term "matching" is understood to mean "mating" or "riding along" as shown in figures 8A-D and as clearly meant in light of applicant's specification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Scott Lowe whose telephone number is (571)272-6929. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-4:30pm M-Th.

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